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## RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

This is in reply to an Office Action mailed 11 February 2004, which set 11 May 2004 as the initial deadline for response. Accordingly, this Response is believed to be timely filed within two months of the Office Action mail date, and no extension of time is believed to be required.

Claims 1-32 are pending and have been rejected. Reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

The listing of the pending claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.